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UNCTAD (A/C.5/31/1.37)

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1. WE AGREE THAT THE INTERPRETATIONS ELICITED FROM KAVAU RE
THE FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF THE SRI LANKA DRAFT DECISION ON
UNCTAD ARE INDEED TORTURED. EVEN ASSUMING THEY ARE CORRECT,
WE WILL WANT TO GUARD AGAINST ANY FAULTY MEMORIES OR
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REVISIONISM ON THIS SUBJECT. USDEL THEREFORE SHOULD INSIST
UPON CLARIFICATION, IN THE MOST CONCRETE FORM POSSIBLE,
OF PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THE DRAFT DECISION AND FORCE SRI
LANKAN DEL "TO EXPLAIN ITS INTENT PRECISELY." ANY SUPPORT
OF THIS RESOLUTION BY USDEL MUST BE CONDITIONED UPON PRIOR
FULL AND ACCEPTABLE CLARIFICATION WHICH MAKES CLEAR THAT

PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 MEAN SPECIFICALLY THE INTERPRETATION
DESCRIBED IN REFTEL.

2. WE REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE DRAFT
RESOLUTION. THE PROVISION OF UN SERVICES TO LIMITED ACCESS
GROUPS IS NOT A MATTER FOR TDB TO DECIDE. PARAGRAPH 23 OF
THE ACABQ REPORT (A/31/8/ADD. 12) SUGGESTED REFERRAL OF
THIS QUESTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES, AND POSSIBLE

RECOMMENDATION OF GUIDELINES. WE SUPPORT THIS POSITION
AND WOULD HOPE THAT THOMAS WILL SUCCEED CONVINCING SRI
LANKA TO WITHDRAW PARA 3.

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